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The HUMAN PUNCHING BAG!
BOB KANE
BATMAN
With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
AT THIS MOMENT, READER, IT MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT--BUT BY OVERCOMING MY GANGSTERS, BATMAN IS TAKING THE BAIT THAT WILL IN ANOTHER MOMENT LEAD TO HIS ESCAPE-PROOF CAPTURE--AND I WILL HAVE BAGGED THE GREATEST TROPHY OF THEM ALL!

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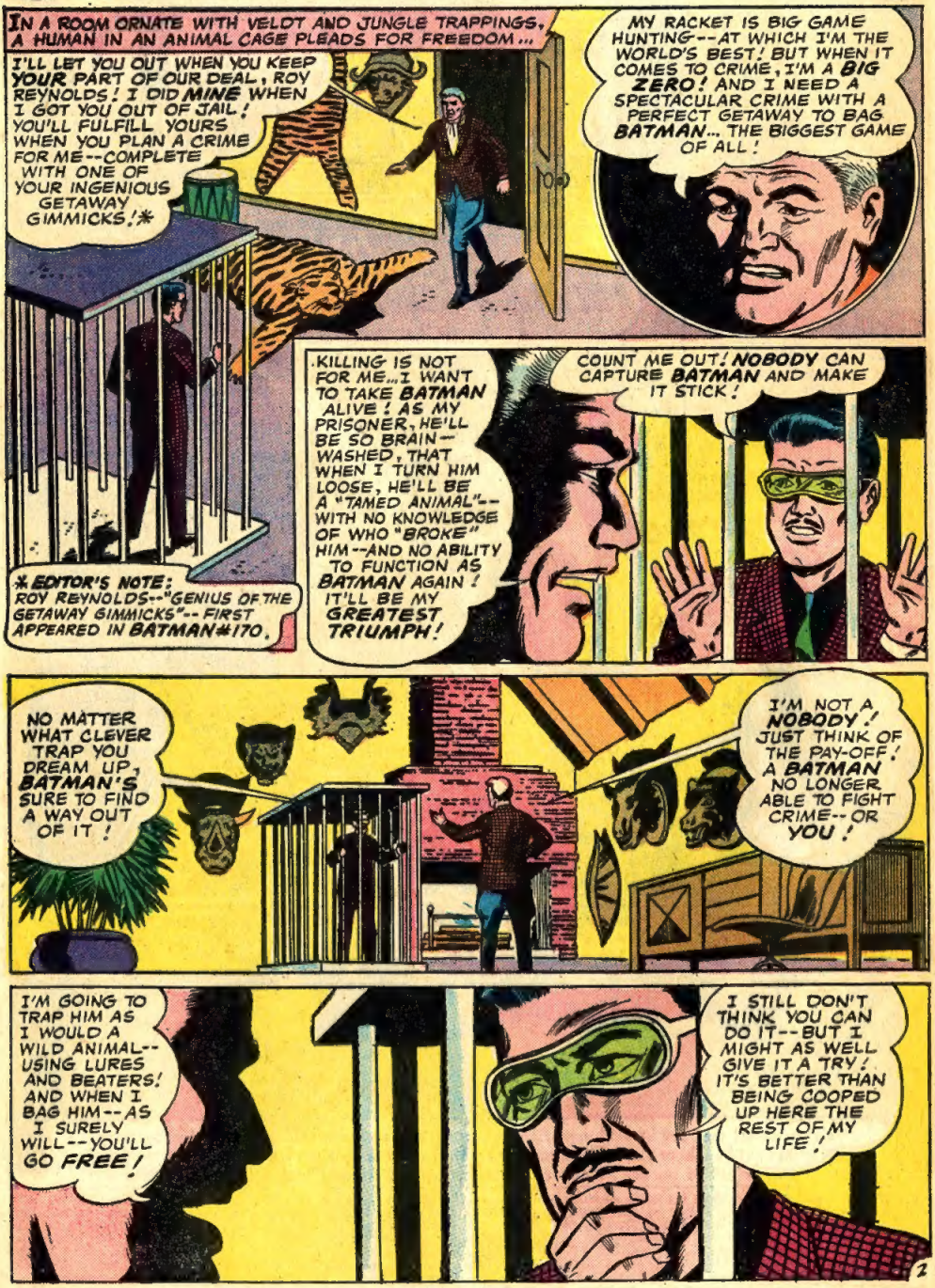

IN A ROOM ORNATE WITH VELDT AND JUNGLE TRAPPINGS, A HUMAN IN AN ANIMAL CAGE PLEADS FOR FREEDOM...
I'LL LET YOU OUT WHEN YOU KEEP YOUR PART OF OUR DEAL, ROY REYNOLDS! I DID MINE WHEN I GOT YOU OUT OF JAIL! YOU'LL FULFILL YOURS WHEN YOU PLAN A CRIME FOR ME--COMPLETE WITH ONE OF YOUR INGENIOUS GETAWAY GIMMICKS!*
MY RACKET IS BIG GAME HUNTING--AT WHICH I'M THE WORLD'S BEST! BUT WHEN IT COMES TO CRIME, I'M A BIG ZERO! AND I NEED A SPECTACULAR CRIME WITH A PERFECT GETAWAY TO BAG BATMAN... THE BIGGEST GAME OF ALL!
*EDITOR'S NOTE: ROY REYNOLDS--"GENIUS OF THE GETAWAY GIMMICKS"-- FIRST APPEARED IN BATMAN#170.
KILLING IS NOT FOR ME...I WANT TO TAKE BATMAN ALIVE! AS MY PRISONER, HE'LL BE SO BRAIN-WASHED, THAT WHEN I TURN HIM LOOSE, HE'LL BE A "TAMED ANIMAL"--WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHO "BROKE" HIM--AND NO ABILITY TO FUNCTION AS BATMAN AGAIN! IT'LL BE MY GREATEST TRIUMPH!
COUNT ME OUT! NOBODY CAN CAPTURE BATMAN AND MAKE IT STICK!
NO MATTER WHAT CLEVER TRAP YOU DREAM UP, BATMAN'S SURE TO FIND A WAY OUT OF IT!
I'M NOT A NOBODY! JUST THINK OF THE PAY-OFF! A BATMAN NO LONGER ABLE TO FIGHT CRIME--OR YOU!
I'M GOING TO TRAP HIM AS I WOULD A WILD ANIMAL--USING LURES AND BEATERS! AND WHEN I BAG HIM--AS I SURELY WILL--YOU'LL GO FREE!
I STILL DON'T THINK YOU CAN DO IT--BUT I MIGHT AS WELL GIVE IT A TRY! IT'S BETTER THAN BEING COOPED UP HERE THE REST OF MY LIFE!

SOME NIGHTS LATER ON A DARK AND MOONLESS NIGHT, THE **COWLED CRUSADER** PATROLS THE STREETS OF **GOTHAM CITY**...

ROBIN IS OFF WORKING WITH THE **TEEN TITANS** ON A CASE*--SO I'M DOING THE SOLO BIT TONIGHT.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: SEE **BRAVE and BOLD #60**: "THE ASTOUNDING SEPARATED MAN!"

A RED LIGHT BLINKS IN THE DARKNESS! AND ALL **BATMAN'S** MANHUNTER INSTINCTS COME ALIVE...

THE RED BULB ONLY BLINKS ON AND OFF WHEN THE BURGLAR ALARM OF THIS **RIVERSIDE MUSEUM** HAS BEEN TAMPERED WITH!

HE BRAKES AND SPRINGS INTO ACTION WITH THE EASE OF A BLACK PANTHER...

WHEN THE RED BULB GOES ON, AN AUXILIARY ALARM SIMULTANEOUSLY SOUNDS IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS! MAYBE I CAN HAVE THIS WRAPPED UP BEFORE THE POLICE GET HERE!

IN THE NEARBY MANSION OF THE **BIG GAME HUNTER**...

JUST AS I USE BEATERS TO FLUSH OUT A TIGER, SO I'M USING THREE EXPERTLY-TRAINED BOXERS TO FLUSH **BATMAN** OUT INTO THE OPEN! ACCORDING TO THE TIME SCHEDULE YOU SET, IT SHOULD BE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW!

YOU'LL NEVER PULL IT OFF, B.G.! SOMEHOW--SOMEWAY--**BATMAN** WILL BEAT YOUR TRAP!

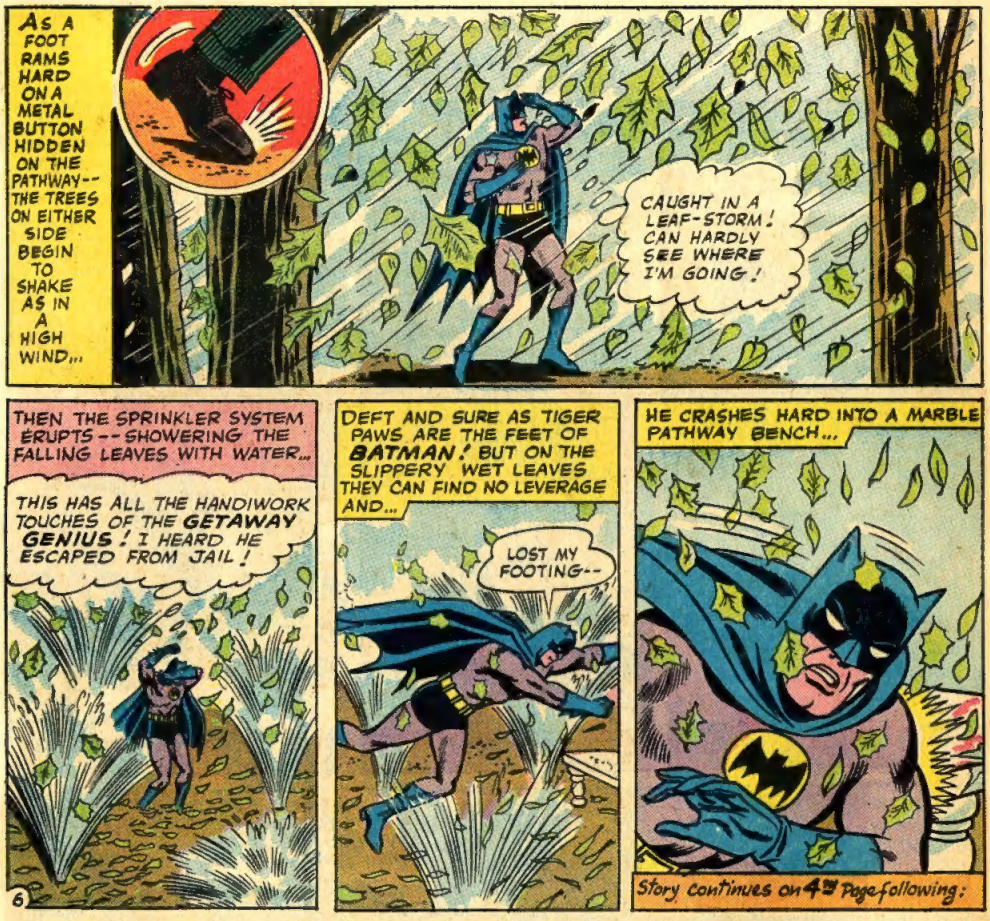
AT THIS MOMENT, THE MIGHTILY THEWED BODY OF THE "TIGER" --**BATMAN**-- COMES HURTLING OVER A DISPLAY CASE FILLED WITH JEWELS...

I USED THOSE DISPLAY CASES AS A STALKING ANIMAL USES HIGH GRASS-- TO HIDE ME UNTIL I'M READY TO MAKE MY LEAP!

BATMAN! I EXPECTED HIM--BUT HE STILL TOOK US BY SURPRISE!

THE POWER-PACKED FIST OF THE MASKED MANHUNTER LASHES OUT-- THUDS HOME WITH A SOLID CRUNCH...
HE TAKES ONE STRIDE, THEN HURDLES THE FALLEN THIEF...
IF YOU'RE AFTER THE JEWELS...
...HERE'S A "GEM" OF A PUNCH AS A KEEPSAKE!
IN HIS RIVERSIDE MANSION, THE BIG GAME HUNTER STRIDES UP AND DOWN HIS RUG-STREWN FLOOR WITH UNCONCEALED TRIUMPH...
I CAN JUST PICTURE BATMAN'S FURIOUS FIGHT! HIS GREAT FISTS LASH OUT AND MY MEN FALL! BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW THEY HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO "ROLL WITH THE PUNCH"-- AND AREN'T AS BADLY OFF AS THEY APPEAR TO BE!
IT WON'T WORK... IT WON'T WORK...
ONE LAST FOE REMAINS... AND HE TOO DROPS BEFORE THE BULL-LIKE RUSH OF THE ENRAGED CRUSADER!
I JUST HOPE I CAN ROLL WITH THE PUNCH HE'S GONNA THROW AT ME! HE DON'T PLAY GENTLE!

KNUCKLES LIKE STEEL DART OUT AND...
THREE THIEVES--THREE PRISONERS!
THE JEWEL THIEVES LIE INERT AS BATMAN TURNS TOWARD THE MUSEUM WINDOW...
WHAT'S KEEPING THE POLICE? THEY HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO ANSWER THE AUXILIARY ALARM!
BEHIND HIM, THE CROOKS LEAP TO THEIR FEET...
STILL NO SIGN OF THEM!
EVERYTHING'S WORKING OUT AS PLANNED! TIME TO GET MOVIN'--AND MAKE OUR GETAWAY!
THE DELIBERATE DRUMMING OF FLYING FEET SPINS THE COWLED CRUSADER AROUND...
THEY WERE ONLY PLAYING POSSUM! BUT IT WON'T DO THEM ANY GOOD! I'LL OVERTAKE THEM SOON ENOUGH!
OUT INTO THE NIGHT AND THROUGH THE PARK BEHIND THE MUSEUM BUILDINGS SPEEDS THE MASKED MANHUNTER...
HERE HE COMES! TIME TO STEP ON THE "TRIGGER" THAT'LL ACTIVATE OUR GETAWAY GIMMICK!


AS A FOOT RAMS HARD ON A METAL BUTTON HIDDEN ON THE PATHWAY-- THE TREES ON EITHER SIDE BEGIN TO SHAKE AS IN A HIGH WIND...
CAUGHT IN A LEAF-STORM! CAN HARDLY SEE WHERE I'M GOING!
THEN THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM ERUPTS -- SHOWERING THE FALLING LEAVES WITH WATER...
THIS HAS ALL THE HANDIWORK TOUCHES OF THE GETAWAY GENIUS! I HEARD HE ESCAPED FROM JAIL!
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DEFT AND SURE AS TIGER PAWS ARE THE FEET OF BATMAN! BUT ON THE SLIPPERY WET LEAVES THEY CAN FIND NO LEVERAGE AND...
LOST MY FOOTING--
HE CRASHES HARD INTO A MARBLE PATHWAY BENCH...
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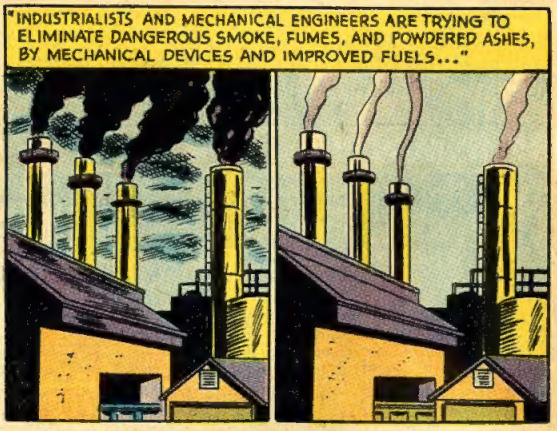
"INDUSTRIALISTS AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS ARE TRYING TO ELIMINATE DANGEROUS SMOKE, FUMES, AND POWDERED ASHES, BY MECHANICAL DEVICES AND IMPROVED FUELS..."

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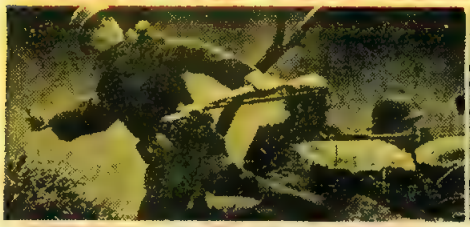

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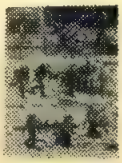

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AGONIZING MOMENTS PASS--AND WHEN BATMAN STIFFLY STARTS TO RISE TO HIS FEET..

UHNN! I FEEL AS IF I'D BEEN BROKEN IN TWO... OH! THE POLICE--WHAT KEPT YOU?

SOMEBODY JAMMED THE ELECTRONIC IMPULSES THE AUXILIARY ALARM SENDS IN TO HEADQUARTERS!

HEAD SLIGHTLY BENT, THE SHARP WITS OF THE MASKED MAN-HUNTER ARE AT WORK EVEN AS HE CONVERSES WITH THE POLICE-MEN...

WHEN WE GOT IT UNSCRAMBLED, WE RUSHED RIGHT OVER! BUT THE CROOKS GOT AWAY--WITHOUT A TRACE!

NOT QUITE! THEY MADE ONE LITTLE MISTAKE--BY RUNNING THROUGH THESE FLOWERS!

BATMAN KNEELS AND BEGINS HIS DEDUCTIVE ANALYSIS...

THESE ARE FOUNTAIN BUDDLEIA--BUTTERFLY-BUSHES NOTED FOR THEIR FRAGRANCE! ANYTHING TOUCHING THEM CARRIES THAT SMELL FOR A LONG WHILE! THAT'S ALL THE CLUE I NEED TO TRACK THEM!

ONLY YESTERDAY IN MY CIVILIAN IDENTITY OF BRUCE WAYNE I WAS AT THE ALFRED FOUNDATION, WHERE ONE OF THE SCIENTISTS SHOWED ME AN INVENTION--A MECHANICAL DEVICE CALLED A FLORAMETER! IT NOT ONLY DUPLICATES THE RESPERATORY PROCESSES OF A FLOWER, BUT CAN REACT TO ANY FLORAL FRAGRANCE...

AFTER THE OFFICERS HAVE LEFT, IN A SHADOWY DOOR RECESS OF THE RIVERSIDE MUSEUM, BATMAN SWITCHES TO HIS CIVILIAN GARB...

I'LL VISIT THE FOUNDATION AS BRUCE WAYNE! THERE ARE ALWAYS SOME EAGER BEAVERS WORKING LATE IN THE LABS! ONE OF THEM WILL LEND ME THE FLORAMETER I NEED...

MOMENTS LATER...
THANK YOU! I WANT TO RUN A SERIES OF TESTS ON IT--
ALFRED WOULD BE HAPPY TO KNOW "HIS" FOUNDATION IS HELPING TO FIGHT CRIME, THROUGH THE DISCOVERIES THE SCIENTISTS WHO WORK HERE CONTINUE TO MAKE!
WITH THE METAL FLORAMETER KEYED TO REACT TO A CERTAIN FRAGRANCE, THE COWLED CRUSADER MOVES OUT OF THE MUSEUM PARK AND ALONG A CITY STREET...
AS LONG AS THE METAL LEAVES GLOW, THEY'RE PICKING UP THE SCENT OF THE FOUNTAIN BUDDLEIA!
THE FLORAL-SCENT TRAIL LEADS HIM TO THE MANSION OF THE BIG GAME HUNTER! INSIDE, UNKNOWN TO BATMAN, HARD EYES WATCH HIS EVERY MOVE...
I KNEW IT! MY "BEATERS" BROUGHT HIM TO ME! BY DEVIATING JUST SLIGHTLY FROM THE PLAN OF THE GET-AWAY GIMMICK GENIUS-- BY HAVING MY MEN RUN THROUGH THOSE FLOWERS-- INSTEAD OF ON THE UNTRACEABLE FOOT-PATH-- BATMAN HAS TAKEN MY BAIT!
THEN--ON A ROPE THAT STRETCHES TIGHTLY FROM LAMP POST TO UPPER WINDOW...
THAT BAR TO HOLD THE AWNING ACTS AS A PERFECT ANCHOR FOR MY BATROPE! NOW TO GET INSIDE THE HOUSE-- UNSUSPECTED!
AS PART OF THE BIG GAME HUNTER'S PLAN, THE WINDOWS OF THE MANSION HAVE BEEN LEFT UNLOCKED, SO THAT...
WHAT A HAUL!
THE BEST PART OF IT IS-- WE OUTMANEUVERED BATMAN!

BULGING MUSCLES TENSE... POWERFUL LEGS FLEX-- THEN PROPEL THE GREAT CRIME-FIGHTER FORWARD IN ARROW-LIKE LEAP!...

HERE'S WHERE I SPRING A FEW **BATMANEUVERS** OF MY OWN!

HIS SINEWY BODY CRASHES INTO THE TRIO OF JEWEL THIEVES-- AND THIEVES, TABLE AND **COWLED CRUSADER** GO DOWN IN A SPLINTERING RENDING CRASH!...

CRASH!

LIKE A TIGER IN AMONG SHEEP, THE **MASKED MANHUNTER** ROCKS HIS OPPONENTS WITH STUNNING BLOWS, DANCING BACK AND FORTH LIKE THE SUPER-BOXER HE IS...

I'LL MAKE SURE YOU DON'T **ROLL** WITH **THESE** PUNCHES!

WHEN YOU GO DOWN **THIS** TIME--

YOU **STAY** DOWN!

HIS FACE BEADED WITH NERVOUS SWEAT, THE **BIG GAME HUNTER** WATCHES, A TENSE HAND HELD TIGHT ON A LEVER...

STEP ON THE **TRAP DOOR, BATMAN!** I CAN'T PULL THIS LEVER UNTIL YOU'RE ON IT BY YOURSELF! I WANT TO "BAG" **YOU**-- NOT MY BOYS!

THE LAST MAN DROPS-- LEAVING **BATMAN** STANDING ALONE ON THE CONCEALED TRAP DOOR...

NEXT INSTANT -- HIS FEET GO OUT INTO SPACE! HIS HEAVILY THEWED BODY FALLS LIKE A STONE...
THE FLOOR GAVE WAY UNDER ME...
HIS FALL IS INTERCEPTED BY A SUPER-PLASTIC BAG SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO HOLD HIM!...
THERE HE IS, JUST LIKE THE BIG GAME HUNTER PROMISED!
OUR INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO KEEP HIM SO BUSY HE'LL QUICKLY USE UP THE SMALL SUPPLY OF OXYGEN IN THE SEALED BAG --
--GIVING HIM NO CHANCE TO THINK OF A WAY OUT!
WHEN THE TOP OF THE BAG IS DRAWN TIGHT, GLOVED HANDS BEGIN A RAPID-FIRE BOMBARDMENT...
THUD!
THUD!
THUD!
AN ANGRY SNARL RISES INTO THE THROAT OF THE COWLED CRUSADER! HE REFUSES TO SERVE AS A HUMAN PUNCHING BAG! HIS BODY ERUPTS INTO RETURN-FIRE ACTION...
SUDDENLY HE FLINGS HIMSELF SIDEWAYS -- BACK AND FORTH -- CAUSING THE BAG TO ROTATE! FASTER AND FASTER IT SWINGS AROUND IN RESPONSE TO BATMAN'S MOVEMENTS...
HEY! WHAT'S HE UP TO?
AW, WHAT'S THE DIFF? IN THAT BAG -- HE CAN'T HURT US!
YEAH -- AND THERE'S NO WAY FOR BATMAN TO CUT IT OPEN FROM INSIDE -- EVEN IF HE HAS A KNIFE ON HIM!

THEN--AS **BATMAN** FLINGS HIS BODY IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION, THE TIGHTLY STRAINING PLASTIC ABOVE THE BAG BEGINS TO UNWIND! QUICKLY, HE STRETCHES OUT HIS RIGHT FIST AS FAR AS IT WILL GO--AND...

SOCK!

POW!

IN AN ADJOINING ROOM WATCHING THE DEVELOPMENTS ARE THE **BIG GAME HUNTER** AND **ROY REYNOLDS**...

LOOK AT THAT! IT'S JUST AS I WARNED YOU! **BATMAN'S** GONNA GET OUT OF THAT TRAP!

NO--THE OXYGEN IS JUST ABOUT EXHAUSTED INSIDE THE BAG! HE'LL COLLAPSE ANY MOMENT! I'M TAKING YOU INSIDE THAT ROOM--FOR THE GRAND FINISH!

MOMENTS LATER...

I STILL DON'T TRUST HIM--NOT AS LONG AS HE'S GOT A BREATH IN HIM!

FOOL! **BATMAN** IS **HUMAN!** HE NEEDS **AIR!** BUT JUST TO MAKE SURE--I'LL GIVE HIM ANOTHER COUPLE OF MINUTES!

SLOWLY THE SECONDS DRAG BY. THEN THE **BIG GAME HUNTER** STEPS FORWARD AND WITH A SPECIAL KNIFE, SLITS OPEN THE BAG...

HE'S OUT FOR SURE, NOW! I DON'T WANT HIM SUFFOCATING TO DEATH, SO I'LL TAKE HIM OUT--AND PUT HIM IN A CAGE!

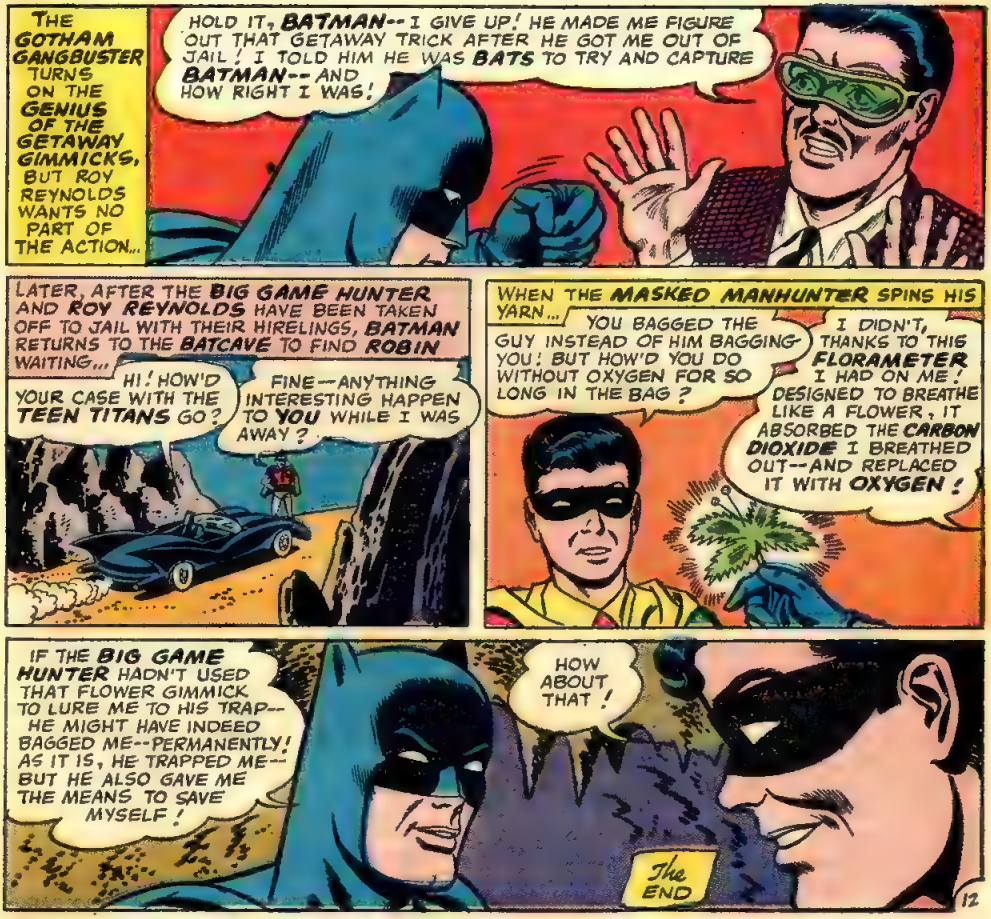
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S WORKING OUT--

AS THE BAG PARTS--OUT ROCKETS **BATMAN!** HIS FIST IS LIKE A SLEDGE-HAMMER, SLAMMING INTO ITS TARGET!...

YOU CAN'T BE CONSCIOUS--NNNGGG!

WHAM!

I KNEW IT! I KNEW IT! **NOTHING** CAN STOP **BATMAN!** NOT EVEN THE LACK OF OXYGEN!


THE GOTHAM GANGBUSTER TURNS ON THE GENIUS OF THE GETAWAY GIMMICKS, BUT ROY REYNOLDS WANTS NO PART OF THE ACTION...
HOLD IT, BATMAN--I GIVE UP! HE MADE ME FIGURE OUT THAT GETAWAY TRICK AFTER HE GOT ME OUT OF JAIL! I TOLD HIM HE WAS BATS TO TRY AND CAPTURE BATMAN--AND HOW RIGHT I WAS!
LATER, AFTER THE BIG GAME HUNTER AND ROY REYNOLDS HAVE BEEN TAKEN OFF TO JAIL WITH THEIR HIRELINGS, BATMAN RETURNS TO THE BATCAVE TO FIND ROBIN WAITING...
HI! HOW'D YOUR CASE WITH THE TEEN TITANS GO?
FINE--ANYTHING INTERESTING HAPPEN TO YOU WHILE I WAS AWAY?
WHEN THE MASKED MANHUNTER SPINS HIS YARN...
YOU BAGGED THE GUY INSTEAD OF HIM BAGGING YOU! BUT HOW'D YOU DO WITHOUT OXYGEN FOR SO LONG IN THE BAG?
I DIDN'T, THANKS TO THIS FLORAMETER I HAD ON ME! DESIGNED TO BREATHE LIKE A FLOWER, IT ABSORBED THE CARBON DIOXIDE I BREATHED OUT--AND REPLACED IT WITH OXYGEN!
IF THE BIG GAME HUNTER HADN'T USED THAT FLOWER GIMMICK TO LURE ME TO HIS TRAP--HE MIGHT HAVE INDEED BAGGED ME--PERMANENTLY! AS IT IS, HE TRAPPED ME--BUT HE ALSO GAVE ME THE MEANS TO SAVE MYSELF!
HOW ABOUT THAT!
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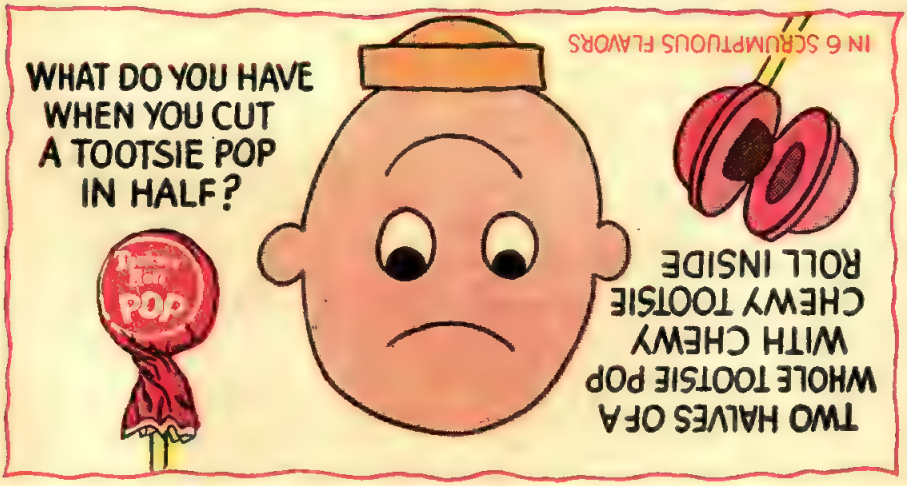
WHAT DO YOU HAVE WHEN YOU CUT A TOOTSIE POP IN HALF?
TWO HALVES OF A WHOLE TOOTSIE POP WITH CHEWY CHEWY TOOTSIE ROLL INSIDE
IN 6 SCRUMPTIOUS FLAVORS
POP

LETTERS TO THE BATCAVE

Dear Editor: Batman 171 was nothing short of spectacular. One reason for this was the return of the *Riddler*. Because I had read about his previous adventures in an article in the *Masquerader* fanzine, I was anxious to meet him "in person." I was not disappointed either, but you know, the *Riddler's* return was not the highlight of the story. And neither were those mystifying riddles. What was, then? Why, those delightful *puns* sprinkled liberally throughout the story.

I am a great lover of the pun. While many critics condemn the pun as the lowest form of humor, I laud it as being possibly the highest. Over the years, *Robin* has been noted for his wild puns; but I doubt that the *Boy Wonder* was ever punnier than he was in this issue. The *Riddler* and *Batman* did pretty good on their own too. It added a real *punch* to the story!

The *Riddler* should have been returned to the *pun*itentiary instead of the penitentiary! He is indeed a "questionable" figure! I guess my favorite pun was "vile inn" ("vile inn"—"inn"-deed!). But I also "pealed" with laughter over the orange-bell riddle, and my face lit up when I read the cigarette lighter answer! I thought *Robin* displayed good horse sense when he decided to "stirrup" some trouble—he thought of that on the "spur" of the moment! *Batman* needed no "coach" when he "staged" his own attack. All things considered, this issue was a gas—just the sort of fuel for a comedy-mystery-adventure-*Batman* fan like me! —*John Pierce, Glouster, O.*

(When it comes to puns, we share your o-pun-ion. One of these days, *Robin* is very apt to begin a story with, "Once u-pun a time . . ." —*Editor)*

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Dear Editor: Just read your May *Batman* and had to write you about it. It was tremendous!

First, the nostalgia of bringing back a real old-time villain, the *Riddler*. He never reached such heights as the *Joker, Penguin,* or other such foes of *Batman,* but he was ingenious enough in his own way—in puzzles. I hope we haven't seen the last of him.

Second, your sticking to the original. The reference to the first *Riddler* story of years ago, and the use of the original costume made him much more plausible. You even had his features faithfully copied.

Third, the clever clues the *Riddler* left behind, signaling his next "crime." The *Joker, Penguin,* and other villains used to do this, but there never was any convincing reason why they did. *Batman* and *Robin* are dedicated to solving crimes with very meager clues to go on, and this novel was a very good example of describing our heroes' talents.

Fourth, the action. It was very well spaced between the other portions of the narrative, and gave the story movement.

Fifth, but not the least, it was a full-length story, which gave itself room to develop the points I've already made.

To sum it up, there should definitely be more villains like the *Riddler,* if not the said villain himself. *This* is what made *Batman* so popular in the forties, and there is no reason why it shouldn't be so in the sixties. The average intelligence and curiosity of the readers today are a lot higher than you think, and they want stories such as this which they can really enjoy. —*Don Foote, Johnstown, N.Y.*

(The *Riddler* made such an overwhelming hit that we wouldn't *dare* keep him under wraps for another seventeen years or so before he makes another reappearance! —*Editor)*

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Dear Editor: I have just purchased an *Aurora-Batman* model. The model and cover illustration for it were terrific! Who designed the cover for the box of the model? —*Ed Morrison, Franklin Park, Ill.*

(The *Aurora-Batman* was the fine handiwork of Carmine Infantino and Murphy Anderson. —*Editor)*

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Dear Batman Reader: In a recent poll conducted by *Batmania,* a fan magazine devoted to *Batman* fans, the favorite *Batman* story published during the year 1964 was "Castle With Wall-to-Wall Danger," which appeared in the July *Detective Comics.* Virtually tied for second place were "Zero Hour for Earth" and "Two-Way Deathtrap." Other strong contenders were "Mystery of the Menacing Mask," "How to Solve a Perfect Crime—in Reverse" and "Gotham Gang Line-up."

The favorite cover of the year was judged to be the "Two-Way Deathtrap" illustration for the September *Batman.* Runners-up were the "Zero Hour for Earth" cover (November *Batman),* the "Castle With Wall-to-Wall Danger" cover appearing in the July *Detective Comics* and the "Gotham Gang Line-up" illustration for the June *Detective.*

We'll be looking forward to next year's results. —*Editor)*

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ROCKY and BULLWINKLE
General Mills
Cheerios
ARE CHEERIOS YOUR FAVORITE CEREAL, BULLWINKLE?
RIGHT, ROCK!
CHEERIOS 'N' MILK GIVE US PEOPLE MUSCLE-MAKIN' PROTEIN...
...AND LOTS OF GO-GO-GO!
DO YOU MEAN THAT EVERYONE SHOULD GO WITH THE GOODNESS OF CHEERIOS?
OH MY, YES!
TIMBERRRRR!
CRASH!
BUT THEY SHOULD WATCH WHERE THEY'RE GOING!

ANOTHER "MYSTERY ANALYSTS of GOTHAM CITY" THRILLER!

BATMAN

With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

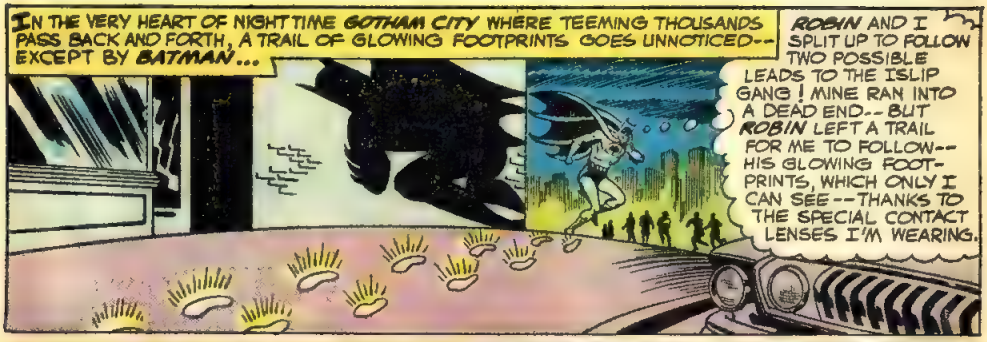
the OFF-AGAIN ON-AGAIN LIGHTBULBS!

WHENEVER THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MYSTERY ANALYSTS OF GOTHAM CITY IS CALLED TO ORDER, THE MAIN SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION IS INVARIABLY A BAFFLING MYSTERY! AND SO IT IS ON THIS PARTICULAR NIGHT--WITH THE DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND THE MYSTERIOUS REASON THAT PROMPTED THE MEMBERS TO CONVENE ON A NIGHT WHEN--NO MEETING WAS SCHEDULED AT ALL! THIS IS THE PERPLEXING PROBLEM CONFRONTING THE MYSTERY ANALYSTS IN THE STRANGE CASE OF...

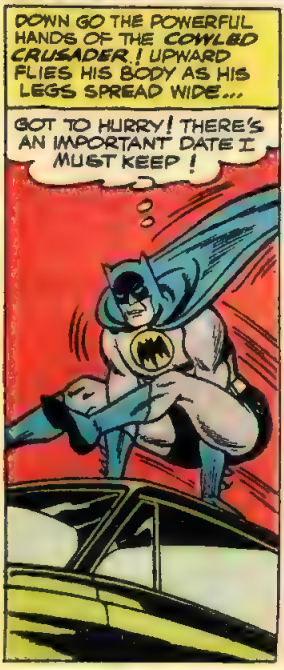
BRAOOOM

IF MY FELLOW ANALYSTS WON'T MAKE A MOVE TO SAVE THEMSELVES FROM THIS EXPLOSION, I'VE GOT TO DO IT FOR THEM!

BOB KANE


IN THE VERY HEART OF NIGHTTIME GOTHAM CITY WHERE TEEMING THOUSANDS PASS BACK AND FORTH, A TRAIL OF GLOWING FOOTPRINTS GOES UNNOTICED-- EXCEPT BY BATMAN...
ROBIN AND I SPLIT UP TO FOLLOW TWO POSSIBLE LEADS TO THE ISLIP GANG! MINE RAN INTO A DEAD END-- BUT ROBIN LEFT A TRAIL FOR ME TO FOLLOW-- HIS GLOWING FOOTPRINTS, WHICH ONLY I CAN SEE--THANKS TO THE SPECIAL CONTACT LENSES I'M WEARING.

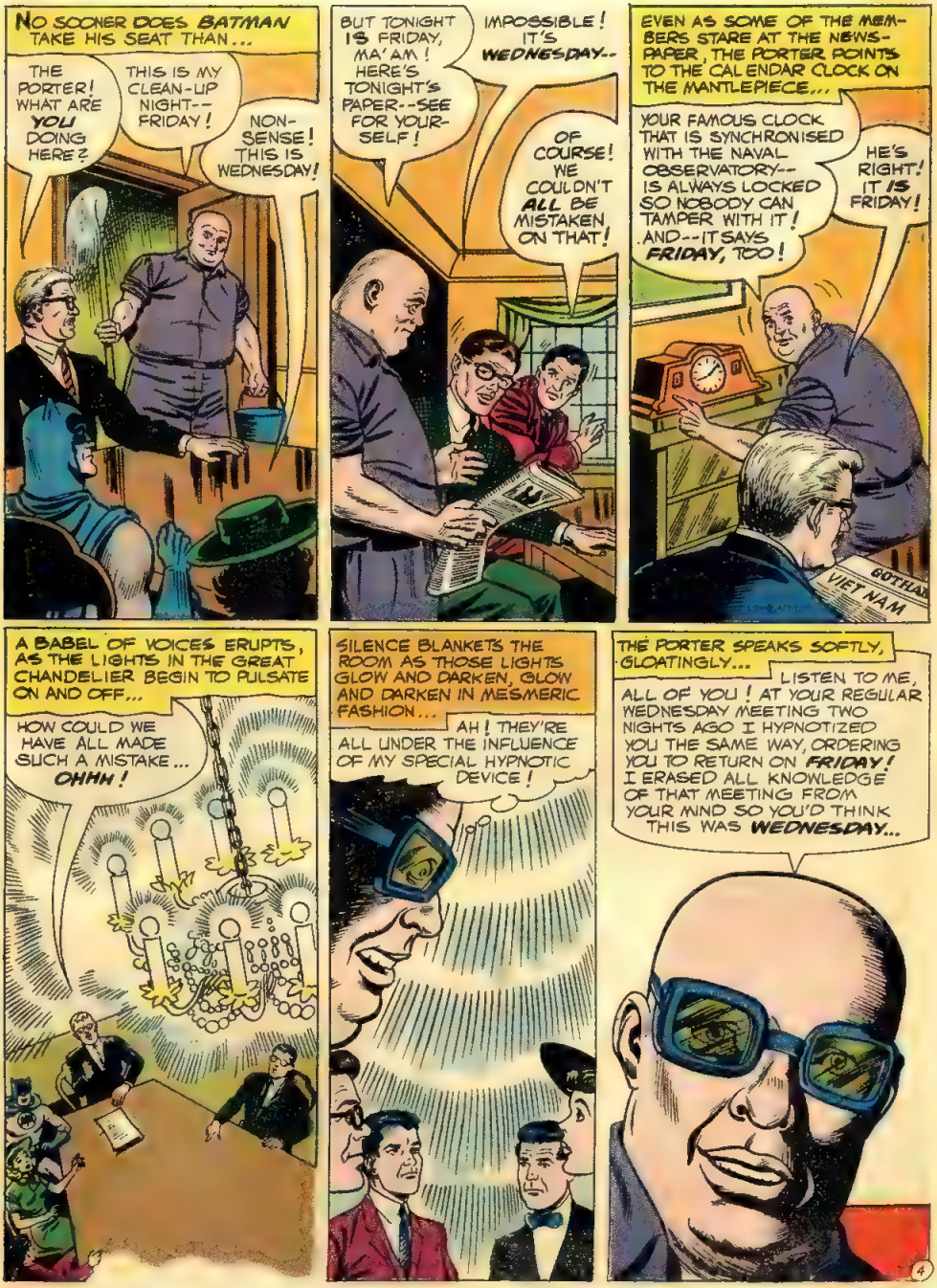
SHORTLY, THE MASKED MANHUNTER SEES...
LET'S GET THE BOY WONDER BEFORE HIS PAL GETS HERE!
DRUGS
Cafe
RESTAURANT

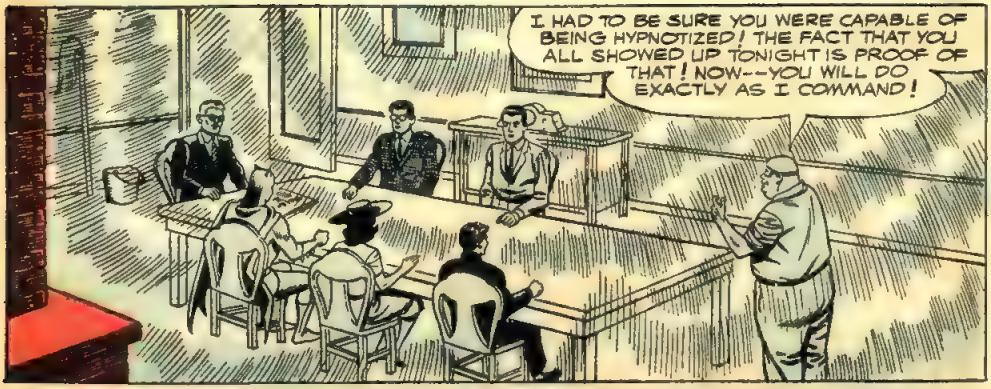

DOWN GO THE POWERFUL HANDS OF THE COWLED CRUSADER! UPWARD FLIES HIS BODY AS HIS LEGS SPREAD WIDE...
GOT TO HURRY! THERE'S AN IMPORTANT DATE I MUST KEEP!

HE STRAIGHTENS OUT--LANDING HARD IN TWO PLACES AT THE SAME TIME...
I'LL WRAP UP THIS CASE FAST! ROBIN'S TAKEN CARE OF ONE OF THEM! HERE'S TWO MORE!

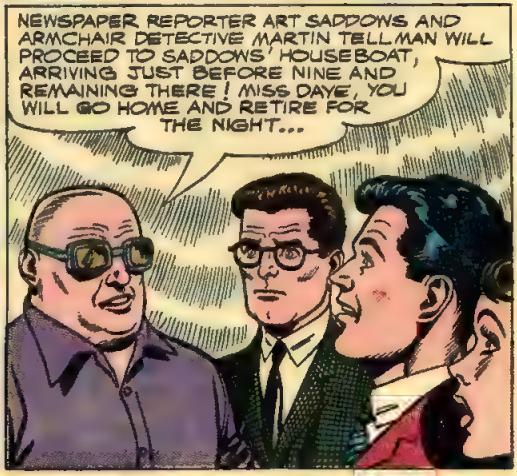
CATLIKE HE DROPS AND WHIRLS, JUST AS...
DUCK, ROBIN!

ROBIN FLINGS HIMSELF GROUNDWARD EVEN AS BATMAN DIVES OVER THE FLYING NO PARKING SIGN...
BATMAN'S FIGHTING LIKE A HURRICANE ON ITS WAY TO KEEP A DATE WITH A CYCLONE! I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM QUITE SO ANXIOUS TO FINISH A FIGHT!
;Whew!
NO PARKING
HE SLAMS LIKE A CANNONBALL INTO THE LAST MEMBER OF THE GANG...
THAT DOES IT! NOW TO KEEP MY OTHER APPOINTMENT...
ROBIN OPENS HIS MOUTH TO CONGRATULATE HIS PARTNER, THEN KEEPS IT OPEN IN SURPRISE AS...
TAKE THEM TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS, ROBIN--AND WAIT FOR ME THERE! SEE YOU LATER...
HUH? BUT WHY... WHERE...?
THERE IS NO MORE TIME TO EXPLAIN TO THE BOY WONDER, FOR IT IS EIGHT O'CLOCK, AND IN THE CLUB ROOM OF THE MYSTERY ANALYSTS OF GOTHAM CITY...
OUR REGULAR LAST-WEDNESDAY-OF-THE-MONTH-MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER!
THE DOOR SWINGS WIDE...
BATMAN! WE THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T COMING...
I WOULDN'T MISS THIS MEETING FOR THE WORLD, MISS DAYE!

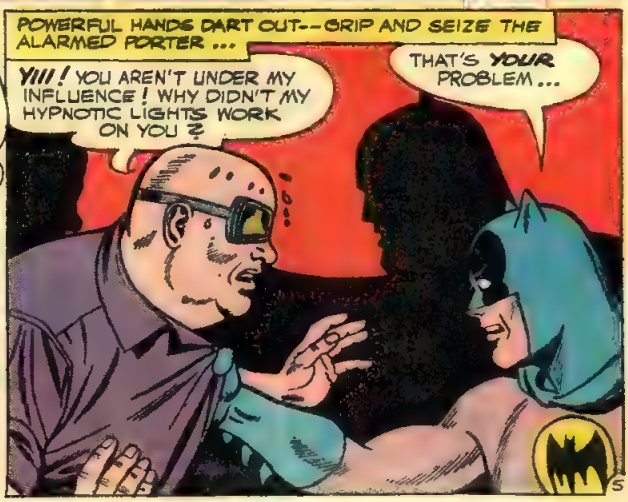

NO SOONER DOES BATMAN TAKE HIS SEAT THAN...
THE PORTER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
THIS IS MY CLEAN-UP NIGHT--FRIDAY!
NON-SENSE! THIS IS WEDNESDAY!
BUT TONIGHT IS FRIDAY, MA'AM! HERE'S TONIGHT'S PAPER--SEE FOR YOURSELF!
IMPOSSIBLE! IT'S WEDNESDAY..
OF COURSE! WE COULDN'T ALL BE MISTAKEN ON THAT!
EVEN AS SOME OF THE MEMBERS STARE AT THE NEWSPAPER, THE PORTER POINTS TO THE CALENDAR CLOCK ON THE MANTLEPIECE...
YOUR FAMOUS CLOCK THAT IS SYNCHRONISED WITH THE NAVAL OBSERVATORY--IS ALWAYS LOCKED SO NOBODY CAN TAMPER WITH IT! AND--IT SAYS FRIDAY, TOO!
HE'S RIGHT! IT IS FRIDAY!
GOTHAM
VIET NAM
A BABEL OF VOICES ERUPTS, AS THE LIGHTS IN THE GREAT CHANDELIER BEGIN TO PULSATE ON AND OFF...
HOW COULD WE HAVE ALL MADE SUCH A MISTAKE... OHHH!
SILENCE BLANKETS THE ROOM AS THOSE LIGHTS GLOW AND DARKEN, GLOW AND DARKEN IN MESMERIC FASHION...
AH! THEY'RE ALL UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MY SPECIAL HYPNOTIC DEVICE!
THE PORTER SPEAKS SOFTLY, GLOATINGLY...
LISTEN TO ME, ALL OF YOU! AT YOUR REGULAR WEDNESDAY MEETING TWO NIGHTS AGO I HYPNOTIZED YOU THE SAME WAY, ORDERING YOU TO RETURN ON FRIDAY! I ERASED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF THAT MEETING FROM YOUR MIND SO YOU'D THINK THIS WAS WEDNESDAY...

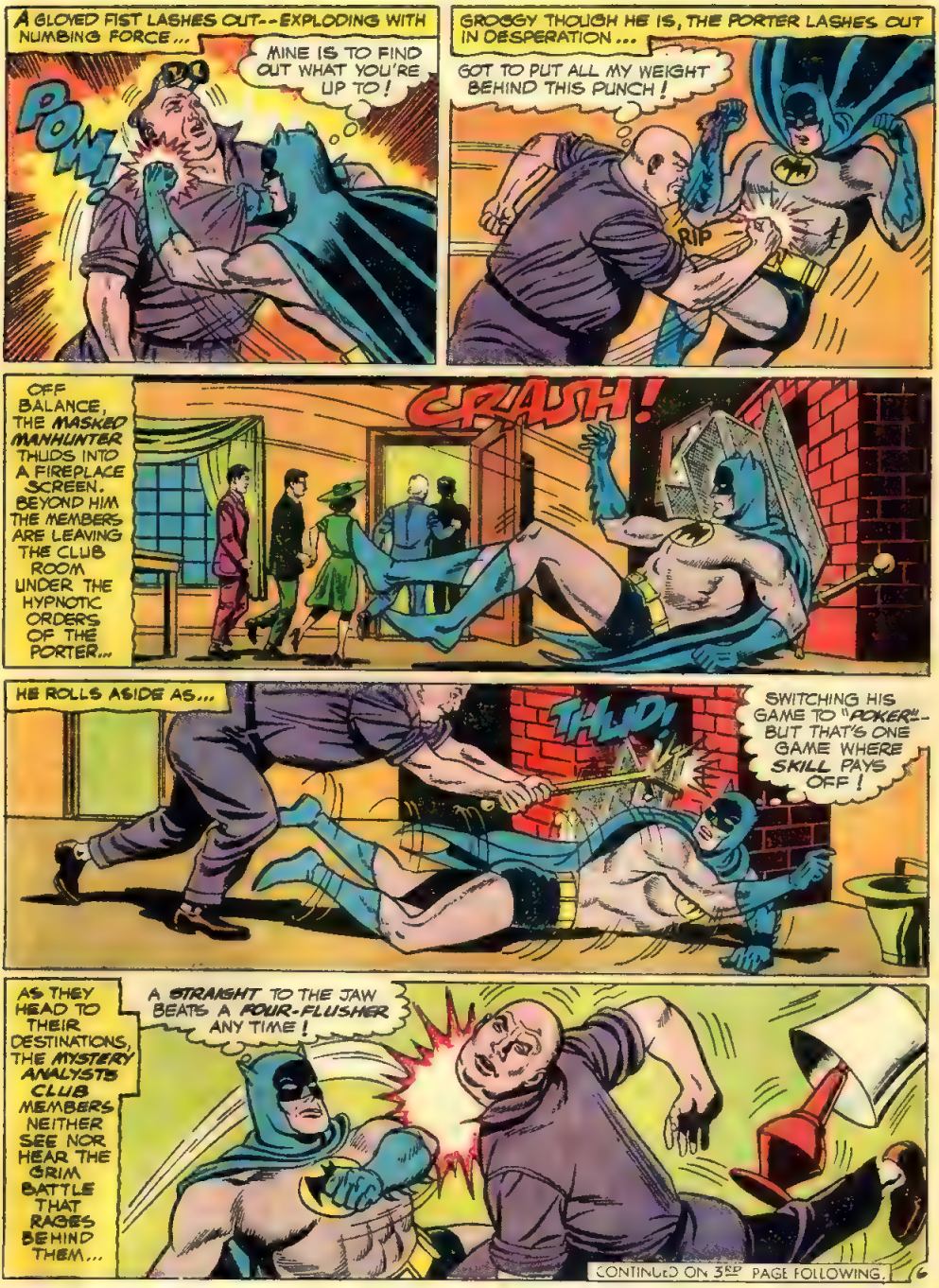

I HAD TO BE SURE YOU WERE CAPABLE OF BEING HYPNOTIZED! THE FACT THAT YOU ALL SHOWED UP TONIGHT IS PROOF OF THAT! NOW--YOU WILL DO EXACTLY AS I COMMAND!

COMMISSIONER GORDON, YOU WILL TAKE DISTRICT ATTORNEY DANTON DIRECTLY TO YOUR APARTMENT! GET THERE BEFORE NINE O'CLOCK--AND STAY THERE!


NEWSPAPER REPORTER ART SADDONS AND ARMCHAIR DETECTIVE MARTIN TELLMAN WILL PROCEED TO SADDONS' HOUSEBOAT, ARRIVING JUST BEFORE NINE AND REMAINING THERE! MISS DAYE, YOU WILL GO HOME AND RETIRE FOR THE NIGHT...

FINALLY, THE PORTER TURNS TO THE MASKED MANHUNTER...
BATMAN, YOU'LL HEAD FOR THE NEAREST POLICE STATION AND--
YOU BET I WILL! AND YOU'RE GOING THERE WITH ME--UNDER ARREST!


POWERFUL HANDS DART OUT--GRIP AND SEIZE THE ALARMED PORTER...
YIII! YOU AREN'T UNDER MY INFLUENCE! WHY DIDN'T MY HYPNOTIC LIGHTS WORK ON YOU?
THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM...


A GLOVED FIST LASHES OUT--EXPLODING WITH NUMBING FORCE...
MINE IS TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU'RE UP TO!
POW!
GROGGY THOUGH HE IS, THE PORTER LASHES OUT IN DESPERATION...
GOT TO PUT ALL MY WEIGHT BEHIND THIS PUNCH!
RIP
OFF BALANCE, THE MASKED MANHUNTER THUDS INTO A FIREPLACE SCREEN. BEYOND HIM THE MEMBERS ARE LEAVING THE CLUB ROOM UNDER THE HYPNOTIC ORDERS OF THE PORTER...
CRASH!
HE ROLLS ASIDE AS...
THUD!
SWITCHING HIS GAME TO "POKER"--BUT THAT'S ONE GAME WHERE SKILL PAYS OFF!
AS THEY HEAD TO THEIR DESTINATIONS, THE MYSTERY ANALYSTS CLUB MEMBERS NEITHER SEE NOR HEAR THE GRIM BATTLE THAT RAGES BEHIND THEM...
A STRAIGHT TO THE JAW BEATS A FOUR-FLUSHER ANY TIME!
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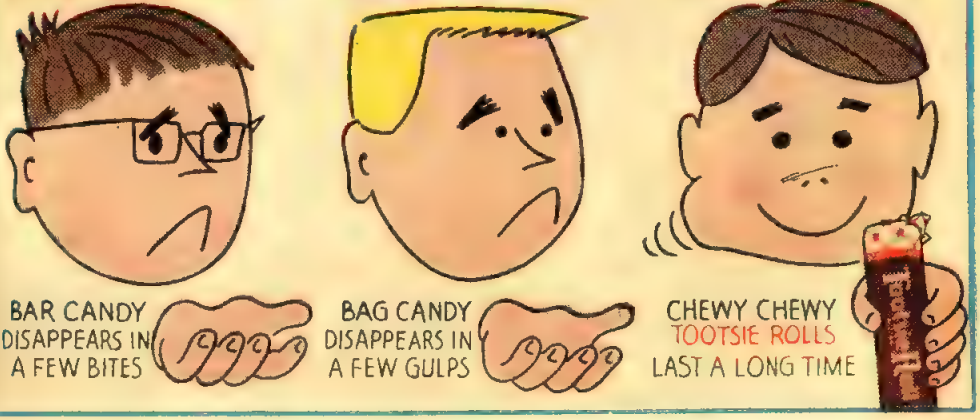
BAR CANDY DISAPPEARS IN A FEW BITES
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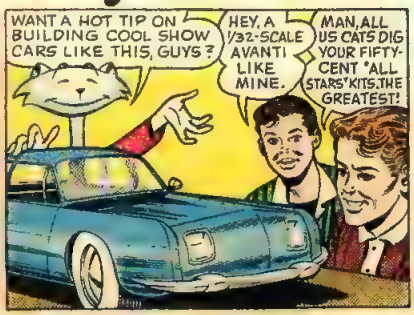
CHEWY CHEWY TOOTSIE ROLLS LAST A LONG TIME
Tootsie Roll

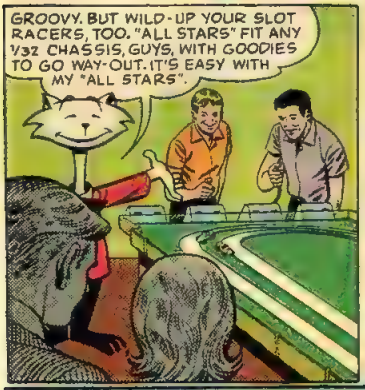
The KAT gets Cooled!

The KAT from AMT

LETS THE GANG AT THE HOBBY SHOP IN ON A MODELING SECRET (HE THINKS)...


WANT A HOT TIP ON BUILDING COOL SHOW CARS LIKE THIS, GUYS?
HEY, A 1/32-SCALE AVANTI LIKE MINE.
MAN, ALL US CATS DIG YOUR FIFTY-CENT "ALL STARS" KITS. THE GREATEST!

OH, YOU KNOW ABOUT 'EM?
SURE, KAT. LOTS OF "CHROME" AND AUTHENTIC PARTS THAT FIT RIGHT IN OTHER "ALL STARS" KITS. DIG THIS WILD TWO-KIT COMBO.


GROOVY. BUT WILD-UP YOUR SLOT RACERS, TOO. "ALL STARS" FIT ANY 1/32 CHASSIS, GUYS, WITH GOODIES TO GO WAY-OUT. IT'S EASY WITH MY "ALL STARS".

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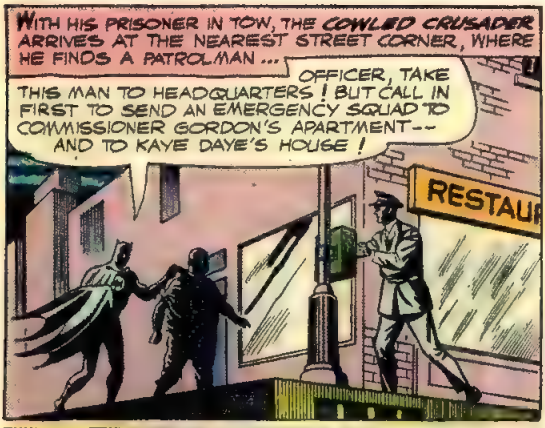
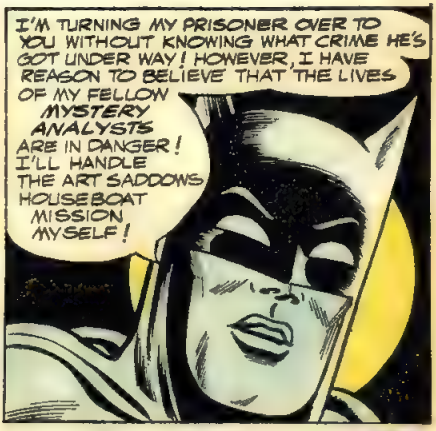
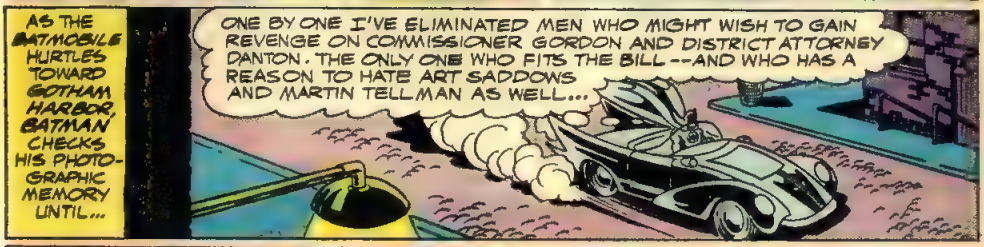
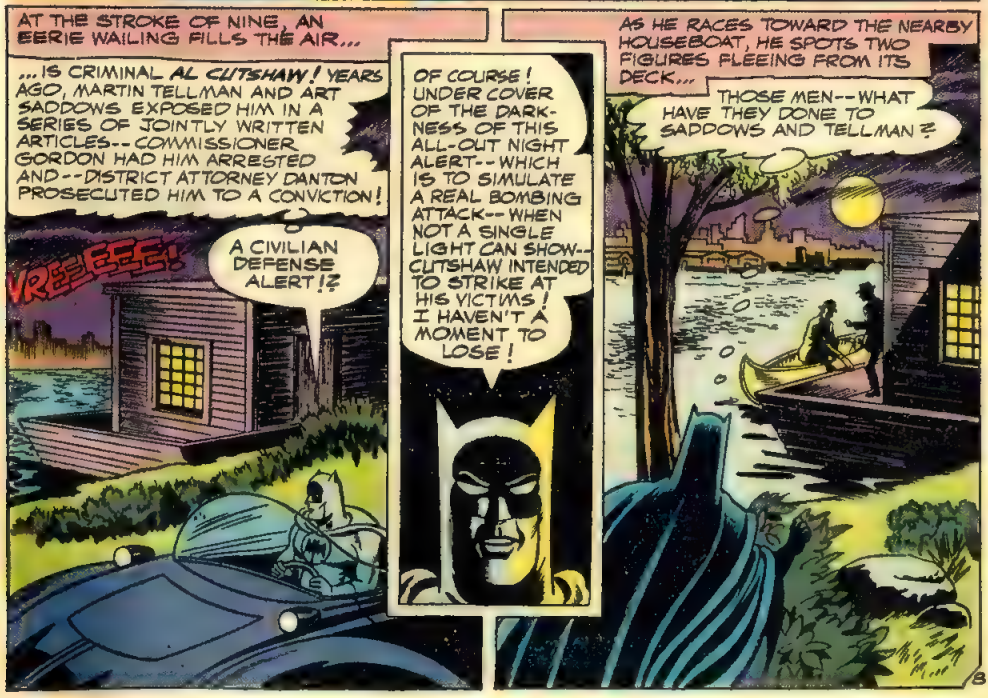
LIKE A GREASED PIG, THE HYPNOTIST TWISTS AWAY AND YANKS OUT A SNUB-NOSED REVOLVER...
YOU PLAYED NO PARTICULAR ROLE IN MY SCHEME, BATMAN-- BUT SINCE YOU'RE DETERMINED TO SMASH IT--
--YOU'RE GOING TO WIND UP JUST LIKE THE OTHERS--DEAD AS A--
THE GUN SPITS FLAME AND THUNDER--BUT THE COWLED CRUSADER HAS LIFTED THE HEAVY COAL SCUTTLE AND...
CLANG!!
POW!
NEXT MOMENT, A SWINGING SCUTTLE SENDS THE REVOLVER FLYING...
FOLLOWED DIRECTLY BY A SWINGING ROUND-HOUSE...
GNNNG!!
FROM THE WRECKAGE OF THE ROOM, HE LIFTS HIS PRISONER...
NOW YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!
NOT--ME! YOU CAN'T MAKE ME TALK, BATMAN! I'VE PLANNED THIS NIGHT TOO LONG TO PANIC ABOUT IT NOW!

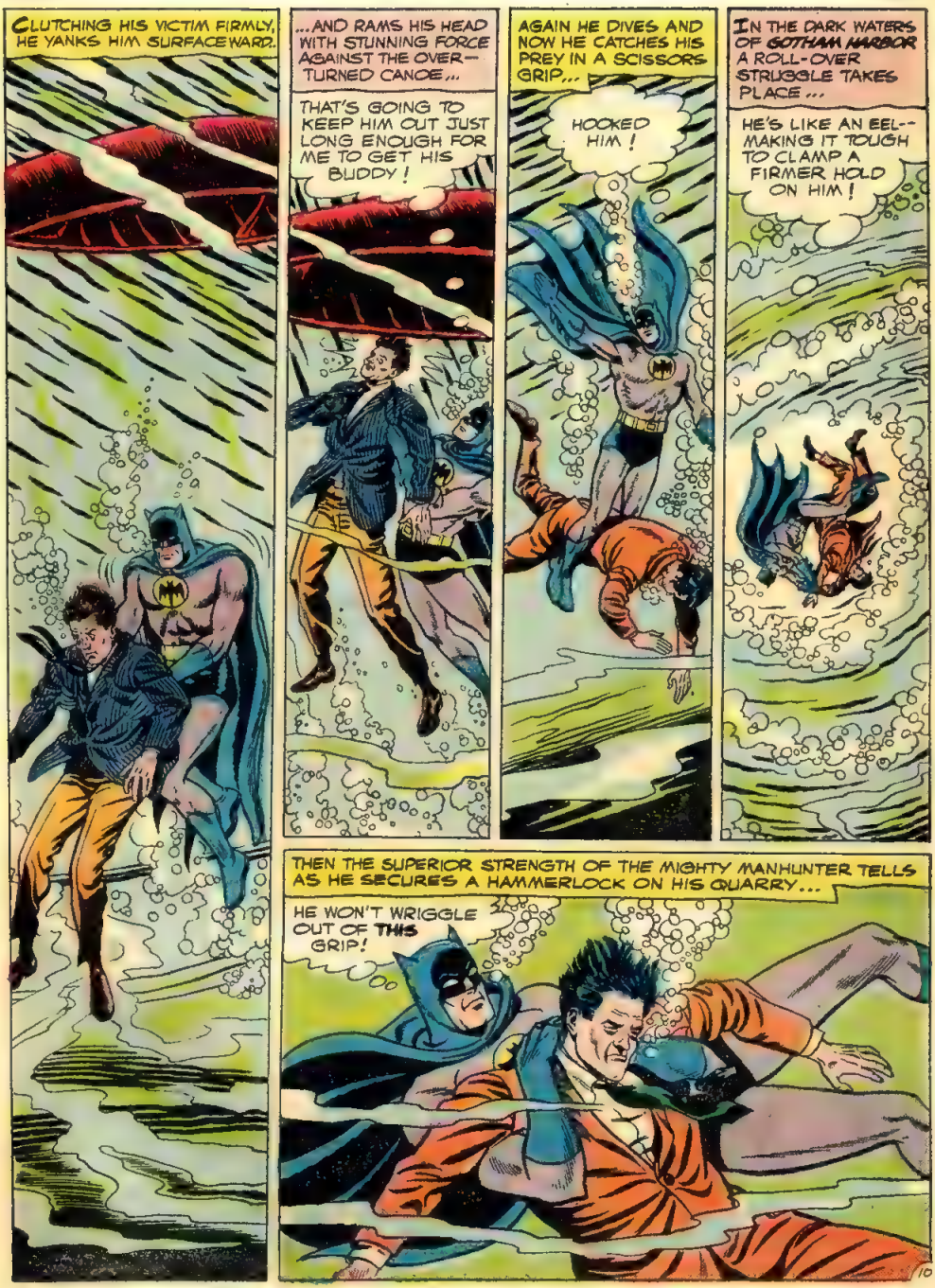

WITH HIS PRISONER IN TOW, THE COWLED CRUSADER ARRIVES AT THE NEAREST STREET CORNER, WHERE HE FINDS A PATROLMAN ...
OFFICER, TAKE THIS MAN TO HEADQUARTERS! BUT CALL IN FIRST TO SEND AN EMERGENCY SQUAD TO COMMISSIONER GORDON'S APARTMENT-- AND TO KAYE DAYE'S HOUSE!
RESTAU

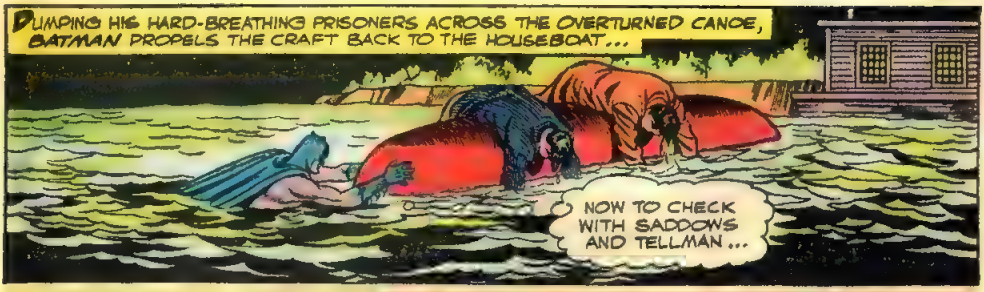

I'M TURNING MY PRISONER OVER TO YOU WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT CRIME HE'S GOT UNDER WAY! HOWEVER, I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE LIVES OF MY FELLOW MYSTERY ANALYSTS ARE IN DANGER! I'LL HANDLE THE ART SADDOWS HOUSEBOAT MISSION MYSELF!


AS THE BATMOBILE HURTLES TOWARD GOTHAM HARBOR, BATMAN CHECKS HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY UNTIL...
ONE BY ONE I'VE ELIMINATED MEN WHO MIGHT WISH TO GAIN REVENGE ON COMMISSIONER GORDON AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY DANTON. THE ONLY ONE WHO FITS THE BILL --AND WHO HAS A REASON TO HATE ART SADDOWS AND MARTIN TELLMAN AS WELL...

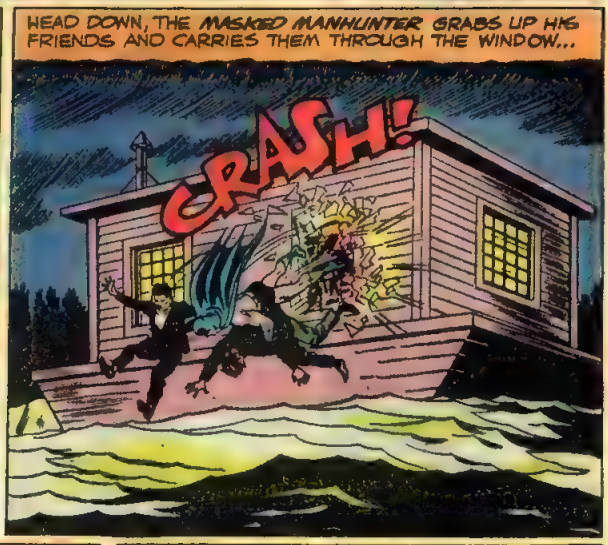

AT THE STROKE OF NINE, AN EERIE WAILING FILLS THE AIR...
...IS CRIMINAL AL CUTSHAW! YEARS AGO, MARTIN TELLMAN AND ART SADDOWS EXPOSED HIM IN A SERIES OF JOINTLY WRITTEN ARTICLES-- COMMISSIONER GORDON HAD HIM ARRESTED AND--DISTRICT ATTORNEY DANTON PROSECUTED HIM TO A CONVICTION!
VREEEEE!
A CIVILIAN DEFENSE ALERT!?
OF COURSE! UNDER COVER OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS ALL-OUT NIGHT ALERT--WHICH IS TO SIMULATE A REAL BOMBING ATTACK--WHEN NOT A SINGLE LIGHT CAN SHOW--CUTSHAW INTENDED TO STRIKE AT HIS VICTIMS! I HAVEN'T A MOMENT TO LOSE!
AS HE RACES TOWARD THE NEARBY HOUSEBOAT, HE SPOTS TWO FIGURES FLEEING FROM ITS DECK...
THOSE MEN--WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO SADDOWS AND TELLMAN?

ON FEET THAT FLY, THE MASKED MANHUNTER RACES PAST THE PICTURE WINDOW OF THE HOUSE-BOAT MAIN ROOM, WHICH IS FILLED WITH MOONLIGHT...
THEY'RE OKAY--DON'T SEEM TO BE IN ANY IMMINENT DANGER! I'LL KEEP GOING AFTER THOSE MEN--TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY WERE UP TO!
A DARK SHAPE CLEAVES THE AIR IN A TREMENDOUS DIVE...
SOMETHING TELLS ME I'M FIGHTING AGAINST TIME! BETTER GET THIS OVER WITH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
INSTANTLY THE COWLED CRUSADER DIVES--AND IN THE MURKY DEPTHS BELOW SEEKS OUT HIS QUARRY...
WITH THE SPEED OF AN OLYMPIC SWIMMER, HE OVERTAKES THE CANOE BEFORE IT IS WELL STARTED. HIS HAND LIFTS--GRIPS THE MOLD-BOARD...
SMART GUYS! THEY DION'T USE A MOTOR BOAT DURING THE BLACK-OUT BECAUSE THE CIVIL DEFENSE HARBOR PATROL WOULD HAVE STOPPED THEM ...
THERE'S ONE OF THEM!
A CANOE IS EASY TO FLIP IN THE WATER... ESPECIALLY WHEN A STRONG ARM LIKE THAT OF THE MASKED MANHUNTER'S IS SWINGING ON ITS MOLDBOARD...

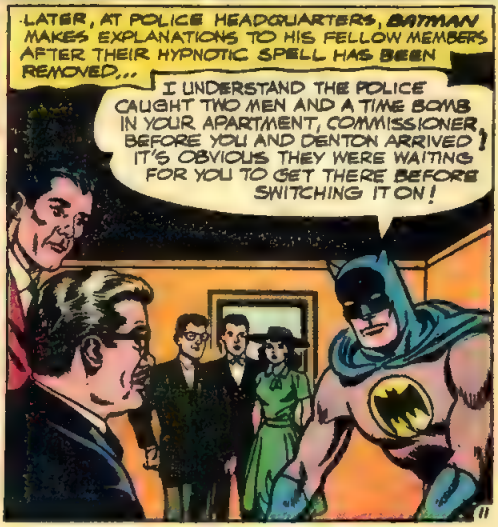

CLUTCHING HIS VICTIM FIRMLY, HE YANKS HIM SURFACEWARD..
...AND RAMS HIS HEAD WITH STUNNING FORCE AGAINST THE OVER-TURNED CANOE...
THAT'S GOING TO KEEP HIM OUT JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO GET HIS BUDDY!
AGAIN HE DIVES AND NOW HE CATCHES HIS PREY IN A SCISSORS GRIP...
HOOKED HIM!
IN THE DARK WATERS OF GOTHAM HARBOR A ROLL-OVER STRUGGLE TAKES PLACE...
HE'S LIKE AN EEL--MAKING IT TOUGH TO CLAMP A FIRMER HOLD ON HIM!
THEN THE SUPERIOR STRENGTH OF THE MIGHTY MANHUNTER TELLS AS HE SECURES A HAMMERLOCK ON HIS QUARRY...
HE WON'T WRIGGLE OUT OF THIS GRIP!


DUMPING HIS HARD-BREATHING PRISONERS ACROSS THE OVERTURNED CANOE, BATMAN PROPELS THE CRAFT BACK TO THE HOUSEBOAT...
NOW TO CHECK WITH SADDOWS AND TELLMAN...

AS HE BURSTS INTO THE HOUSE-BOAT LIVING ROOM...
ART! MARTY! THOSE TELLTALE SOUNDS! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE--FAST!
NO! WE'VE GOT TO REMAIN HERE!
TICK-TOC!


HEAD DOWN, THE MASKED MANHUNTER GRABS UP HIS FRIENDS AND CARRIES THEM THROUGH THE WINDOW...
CRASH!

NO SOONER DO THEY HIT THE WATER THAN...
NOW I KNOW WHAT CRIME CUTSHAW INTENDED TO COMMIT!
BARROOM


LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, BATMAN MAKES EXPLANATIONS TO HIS FELLOW MEMBERS AFTER THEIR HYPNOTIC SPELL HAS BEEN REMOVED...
I UNDERSTAND THE POLICE CAUGHT TWO MEN AND A TIME BOMB IN YOUR APARTMENT, COMMISSIONER, BEFORE YOU AND DENTON ARRIVED! IT'S OBVIOUS THEY WERE WAITING FOR YOU TO GET THERE BEFORE SWITCHING IT ON!

CUTSHAW ARRANGED THE ENTIRE THING, PLANNING TO GET OFF HIS REVENGE--BOMBS DURING THE BLACKOUT, WHEN HIS GANG WOULDN'T BE SEEN MAKING THEIR GETAWAY! THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO WAY FOR THE POLICE TO CONNECT HIM WITH THE CRIME--EXCEPT FOR A *MISCHANCE*...

THEN AS *ROBIN* BRINGS IN THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THE SCHEME--AND YANKS OFF HIS BALD DISGUISE...

THE PORTER--AL CUTSHAW! 100 POUNDS HEAVIER THAN WHEN WE KNEW HIM!

TO EXPLAIN THAT MISCHANCE--I WAS IN SUCH A HURRY TO ARRIVE AT THE MEETING ON TIME, I DIDN'T BOTHER TO REMOVE THE CONTACT LENSES WHICH I WORE TO FOLLOW *ROBIN'S* "CHEMICAL-GLOWING" TRAIL...

THE MINERAL COMPOSITION OF THESE LENSES DISTORTED THE WAVE-LENGTH OF CUTSHAW'S SPECIAL BULBS, THUS PREVENTING ME FROM BEING HYPNOTIZED AS THE OTHERS WERE!

KAYE AND I WERE OUT OF IT--AND WOULD HAVE SUFFERED US NO HARM--

YOU KNOW, THIS WOULD MAKE A GOOD PLOT FOR MY NEXT MYSTERY NOVEL!

BATMAN CAUGHT THE CRIMINAL--*BEFORE* HIS CRIME WAS COMMITTED! ONLY MY PAL COULD HAVE SOLVED THIS CASE IN SUCH AN UNUSUAL WAY!

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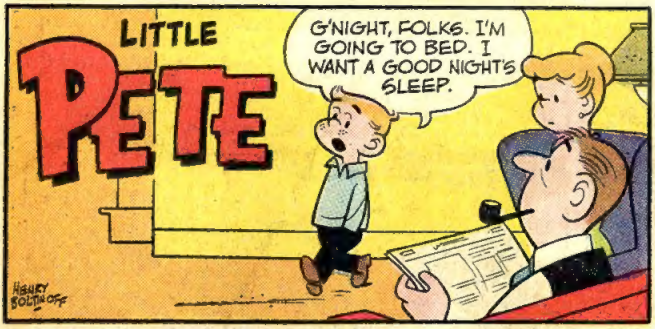

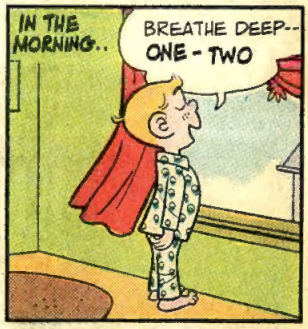

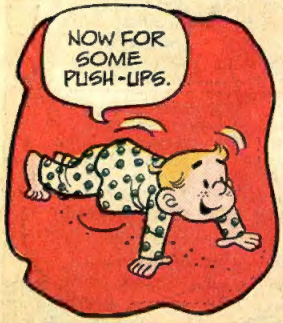

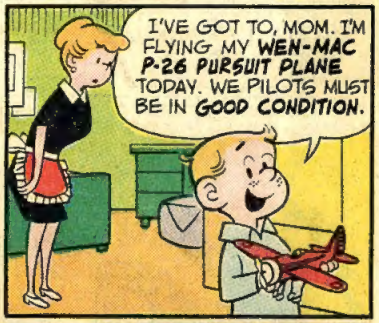

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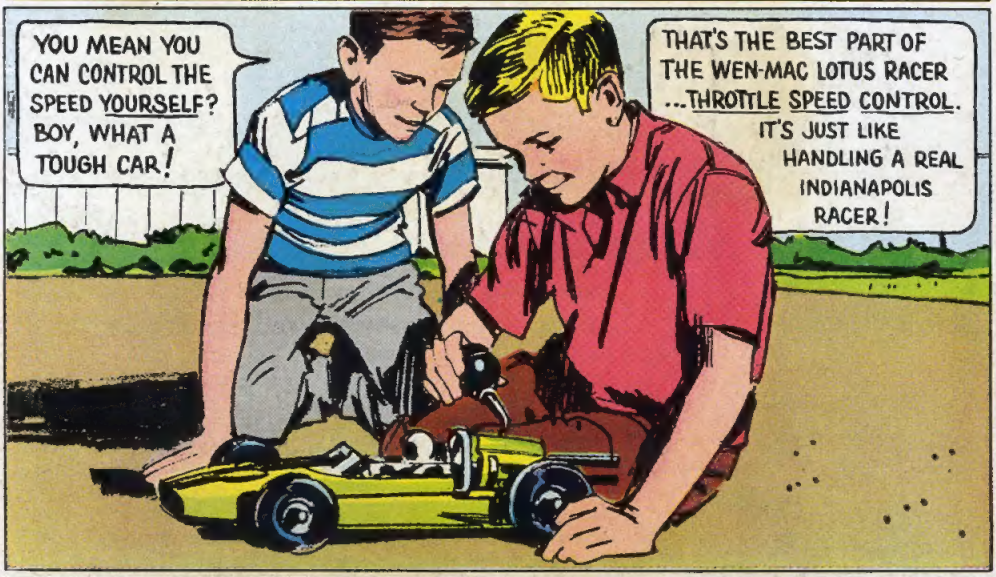
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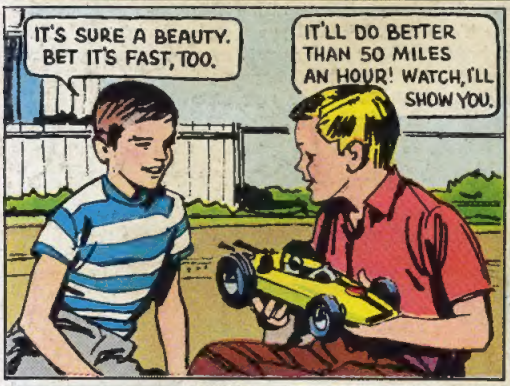

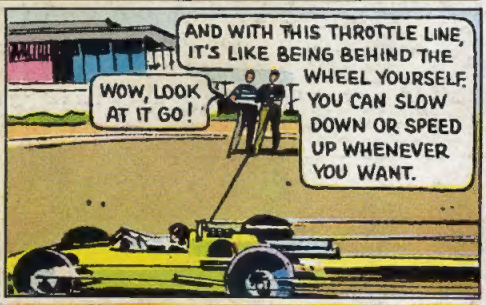
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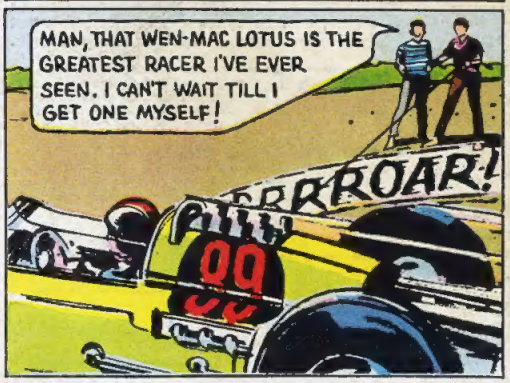

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